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For : ZINC-PLATED STEEL SHEET EXCELLENT IN CORROSION  
RESISTANCE AFTER COATING AND CLARITY OF COATING  
THEREON

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 and respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-captioned application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes “prior art.” If the Examiner applies the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute “prior art” under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the documents.

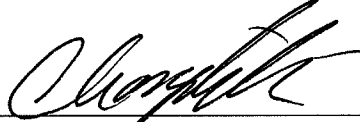
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(e)(1), applicant submits that the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 were first cited in a related European Office Action not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant has enclosed the fee due in connection with this submission. If any additional fee is due, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

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